

**COMPLAINT FOR PROTECTION
FROM ABUSE
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COURT USE ONLY – DOCKET NO.

TRIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS



ISSUES PERTAINING TO CHILDREN

- A. **RELATED PROCEEDINGS.** Is there any proceeding that the Plaintiff knows of or has participated in which is pending or has been concluded in any Court in the Commonwealth or any other state or country involving the care or custody (including any care & protection or guardianship actions) of the child or children of the parties? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If Yes, the Plaintiff shall complete and file with this Complaint an Affidavit Disclosing Care or Custody Proceedings as required by Trial Court Uniform Rule IV, and provide copies of documents required by the Rule. This Affidavit and related information are available from the office of the Clerk-Magistrate or Register of Probate of the Court.

- B. **RELATED PROCEEDINGS.** Are there any prior or pending court actions in any Court in the Commonwealth or in any other state or country involving the Plaintiff and the Defendant for paternity? ☐ YES ☐ NO

C. **CUSTODY.**

The Plaintiff may not obtain an Order from a Boston Municipal, District or Superior Court for custody if there is a prior or pending Order for custody from a Probate and Family or Juvenile Court.

- ☐ I request custody of the following minor child or children of the parties:

NAME	AGE	NAME	AGE

- D. **CONTACT WITH CHILDREN.** I ask the Court to order the Defendant not to contact the following minor child or children unless authorized to do so by the Court:

NAME	AGE	NAME	AGE

The specific reasons for this request are: _____

- ☐ I ask the Court to order the Defendant remain away from the following school(s) and day care(s) (list names and addresses): _____

If the Plaintiff alleges that the Defendant has abused the above-named child or children, a separate Complaint may be filed on behalf of each child.

- E. **VISITATION.** If the Plaintiff is filing this Complaint in the Probate and Family Court, the Plaintiff may request a Visitation Order. **Such Visitation Orders are not available in other Courts.** Regarding visitation, I ask the Court to

- ☐ permit visitation.
☐ order no visitation between the Defendant and our minor child or children.
☐ permit visitation only at the following visitation center: _____ (name) .
_____, to be paid for by _____ (name) .
☐ permit only visitation supervised by _____ (name) .
at the following times: _____ (name) .
_____, to be paid for by _____ (name) .
☐ order visitation only if a third party, _____ (name) , picks up and
drops off our minor child or children.
☐ other _____

F. **TEMPORARY SUPPORT.**

The Plaintiff may not obtain an Order from a Boston Municipal, District or Superior Court for temporary support if there is a prior or pending Order for support from a Probate and Family or Juvenile Court.

- ☐ I ask the Court to order the Defendant, who has a legal obligation to do so, to pay temporary support for any children in my custody.

DATE

PLAINTIFF'S SIGNATURE

X